

CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) A system for use in a wireless purchasing environment, wherein an electronic receipt is generated by a purchaser device at a point-of-sale, the system comprising:

an authorization processor;

a vendor device for short range transmission of information regarding inventory and

pricing utilizing a vendor short range communications device; and

a purchaser communications device utilizing an authorization microprocessor, a short

range communications device, and a long range communications device;

a vendor sales microprocessor in the vendor short range communications device

configured to:

transmit information regarding inventory, pricing, vendor identification and a sale

amount through the vendor short range communications device to the

purchaser communications device; and

receive an authorization approval or denial from the purchaser communications

device through the vendor short range communications device; and

said purchaser communications device authorization microprocessor configured to:

use the purchaser communications device short range communications device to

request for requesting information from the vendor device, for

communicating without vendor participation device and to receive the

information transmitted by the vendor short range communications device;

generate a request for authorization of a purchase corresponding to the vendor

identification and the sale amount;

transmit the request to the authorization processor through the long range communications device;
receive an , and for receiving authorization approval or denial from the authorization processor through the long range communications device;
and
retransmit the authorization approval or denial to the vendor device through the purchaser communications device short range communications device.

29. (previously presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the purchaser device is a wireless purchaser device.

30. (previously presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the purchaser device further comprises a bio-metric input device for user identification.

31. (currently amended) In a system that includes a purchaser device and an authorization processor, ~~a~~ A method for performing wireless point-of-sale purchase transactions, the method comprising ~~the steps for:~~:

providing a purchaser device and an authorization processor;
automatically receiving from a wireless vendor device an offer for purchase;
communicating without vendor participation a request at the purchaser device for authorization of a purchase;
transmitting the request to an authorization processor;
receiving a response at the purchaser device from the authorization processor,
wherein the response ~~includes~~ is selected from the group of:
a denial if the purchase is not authorized by the authorization processor;
and
~~, and wherein the response includes~~ an approval if the purchase is
authorized by the authorization processor; and
transmitting the approval from the purchaser device to the vendor device.

32. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising at least one of:
~~the steps for:~~

- (i) using a bio-metric input device to identify a user;
- (ii) using a password to identify the user.

33. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein ~~the step for~~ transmitting the approval includes ~~the step for~~ using a short range wireless transceiver.

34. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein ~~the step for transmitting~~ the request includes ~~the step for~~ using a long range, wireless communications device.

35. (currently amended) ~~In a system that includes a purchaser device, an authorization processor, and a vendor device, a~~ A method for performing a wireless point-of-sale purchase transaction, the method comprising ~~the steps for:~~

providing a purchaser device, an authorization processor, and a vendor device;

automatically establishing a wireless communication between the vendor device

and the purchaser device;

communicating a vendor identification and a purchase price for one or more items

to the purchaser device via the wireless connection;

communicating without vendor participation a request at the purchaser device for

authorization from the authorization processor to purchase the items;

receiving a response at the purchaser device from the authorization processor,

wherein the response is selected from the group of:

~~a denial at the purchaser device if said purchase is not authorized by the~~

authorization processor; and

~~receiving an approval at the purchaser device from the authorization~~

~~processor if the purchase is authorized by the authorization~~

~~processor, processor;~~ and

forwarding the received denial or the received approval from the purchaser device

to the vendor device for purchase.

36. (currently amended) The method of claim 35, wherein ~~the step for initiating a request and the steps for receiving each utilize a long range communications device.~~

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the long range communications device is a wireless device.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein said long range communications device is integral to the purchaser device.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the long range communications device is external to the purchaser device and selectively operated by a user of the purchaser device.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the long range communications device includes a wireless phone.

41. (currently amended) The method of claim 35, wherein ~~the step for initiating a request comprises the step for combining the vendor identification and the purchase price with information corresponding to a purchaser account to create the request.~~

42. (currently amended) The method of claim 41, wherein ~~the step for~~ receiving an approval further comprises ~~the step for~~ initiating a transfer of funds from the purchaser account to a vendor account for payment of the purchase.

43. (currently amended) The method of claim 35, wherein ~~the step for~~ automatically establishing a wireless connection occurs when the vendor device enters a communication range with the purchaser device.

44. (currently amended) The method of claim 35, further comprising ~~the step for~~ identifying user identity by providing at least one of:

- (i) a password; and
- (ii) a biometric input.

45. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the approval is transmitted to the vendor device without disclosing the account information of the purchaser to the vendor or to the vendor device.

46. (new) The method of claim 35, wherein the approval is forwarded to the vendor device without disclosing the account information of the purchaser to the vendor or to the vendor device.